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WARNING LETTER NO. 97-NOL-41

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard Currence
President, CEO
Tidewater Marine, Inc.
P.O. Box 61620
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161

Dear Mr. Currence:

This letter is to inform you of deviations from the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation Regulations (Title 21, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 1250), observed by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigator, during an inspection of your firm, Quality Shipyards, Inc., 3201 Earhart Drive, Houma, Louisiana, 70361, on April 10, 1997.

Discrepancies noted during the inspection of this vessel watering point included the following:

1) No check valves on water supply lines to potable water hydrants with multiple outlets at hydrant locations # 1-20;

2) Potable water hydrants # 1-20 were not identified for their intended use;

3) No cap & keeper chains on outlets of potable water hydrants # 1-18 & 20;

4) Outlets of potable water hydrants # 6-9 terminate approximately 12" above the pier surface;

5) Two outlets on potable water hydrant location # 14 terminate upward at approximately 25°.

Accordingly, we are classifying this watering point as PROVISIONAL for interstate carrier use for a period of thirty days. "Provisional" classification means that the watering point may continue to operate; however, significant corrections of deficiencies must be made by the expiration date. On or about that date, a reinspection of this facility will be conducted to assure that corrections meet FDA requirements.

If significant corrections are not made, the vessel watering point will be reclassed as "Not Approved" for interstate carrier use.

Please advise this office in writing, within ten (10) days, of the actions you have taken to correct the deficiencies and to assure that such violations will not recur. Your response should be directed to Carolyn S. Olsen, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 4298 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70122-3896.

Sincerely,

James E. Gamet
acting District Director
New Orleans District

Enclosure: FDA 483

cc: Mr. Robert E. Barthel
General Manager
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